



Trams to Newhaven

Project Newsletter



Construction Updates

Highlights from 2021

In November 2021 we reached two years of Trams to Newhaven construction. During this time we have:

- Excavated over 4000m of road to enable track installation.
- Installed over 2400m of track which is over 50% to be laid.
- Installed over 3000m of communications infrastructure which is over 65% required for the project.
- Installed over 3000m of power ducting and over 2500m of drainage infrastructure.

As we approach the end of 2021, we would like to thank businesses and residents across the route for their continued patience during the construction of the Trams to Newhaven Project.

Specific highlights from 2021 include:

Newhaven to Melrose Drive

- Retaining wall works substantially complete to enable the tram to link from Lindsay Road to Melrose Drive.
- Construction of new substation completed at Melrose Drive

Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle

- Crossover installed at Ocean Terminal with works progressing to connect the curved rail on Ocean Drive at Waterfront Plaza.
- Main works for Ocean Terminal tram stop substantially complete.
- Reinforcement/structural works to the Victoria Dock Bridge complete which recently saw partial reopening to pedestrians on the west side of the bridge.

Constitution Street

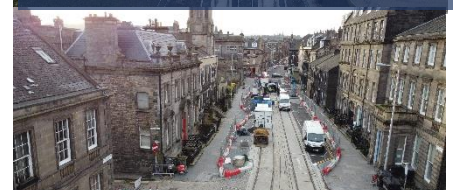
- Track installation complete from Tower Street to Baltic Street with section opened to traffic.
- Completed track installation across Bernard / Baltic Street junction with The Shore tram stop works in progress.
- Rebuild of Constitution Street wall substantially complete. All memorials were carefully reinstalled on the graveside wall.



Melrose Drive



Rennie's Isle



Constitution Street



Leith Walk

Leith Walk

- Utility clearance completed between London Road and Crown Place and main infrastructure works commenced.
- Completed complex diversion of 500mm diameter gas main at Jane Street.
- Track works commenced across the historic Network Rail Bridge north of McDonald Road.
- Installation of segregated cycle lane progressed on the west side.
- Completed track installation across key junctions at Annandale Street and McDonald Road.
- Main works for McDonald Road tram stop complete.
- Main works completed on west side from McDonald Road to Montgomery Street enabling the commencement of landscaping and surfacing works required on the east side of Leith Walk.
- Attenuation pipes installed at three locations.

London Road to Picardy Place

- Following site establishment from London Road to Picardy Place in October, all utility clearance in this section completed to enable main infrastructure works to commence.

Archaeology

- Facial reconstruction undertaken for human remains uncovered within the medieval graveyard on Constitution Street.
- Uncovered a historic sea wall at Melrose Drive.
- Uncovered a 19th century tram cable winding mechanism on Leith Walk at the Pilrig junction.
- New capsule created for Robert Burns Statue which has been installed in the base of the statue along with the one discovered from 1898.
- Excavation of medieval graveyard completed. Circa. 385 human remains uncovered.
- Reconstruction of the historic South Leith Parish Church boundary wall including reinstatement of memorials.
- Restoration of Elm Row pigeons.
- Restoration of London Road clock.

Christmas Shut Down Plan

The project will shut down from 5.00pm on 22 December 2021 until 7.00am on Monday 10 January 2022 at which time both contractors will return to work on Monday 10 to review all safety measures ahead of recommencing construction activities on Tuesday 11 January 2022. MUS will return to work on 5 January and will be working at Tower Street, Bernard Street, Links Lane and Jane Street.

All main works finished on the evening of the Wednesday 22 December 2021 to allow two full days on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 December 2021 for general housekeeping and security. Traffic management maintenance crews will be operational 24/7 over the Christmas period.

Over the festive period our contact centre hours will be as follows:

- Email and Twitter will not be monitored from Wednesday 22 December 2021 to Tuesday 4 January 2022. All queries will be responded to from Wednesday 5th January 2021. If you have an emergency during this period, please contact us on 0131 322 1122.
- Calls will be monitored 24/7 throughout the Christmas Shutdown period.

The operating times for the logistics hubs over the period are:

- Friday 24 December 2021 - 8am - 12pm
- Saturday 25 December 2021- CLOSED
- Sunday 26 December 2021- CLOSED
- Monday 27 to Thursday 30 December 2021 - 8am - 4.30pm
- Friday 31 December 2021 - 8am - 12pm
- Saturday 1 to Monday 3 January 2022 - CLOSED

New phase of works in January 2022

London Road to York Place - The second phase of works will see an extension of site from Picardy Place to York Place in January 2022. During this phase the existing tram network will still be fully operational into the York Place tram stop.

Construction works will commence from Coatfield Lane to Queen Charlotte Street on 17 January 2022, with site establishment expected to take place on the weekend of 15 and 16 January 2022. This is scheduled to be complete by Autumn 2022. More information on the Coatfield Lane to Queen Charlotte Street section works.

Construction works will commence from Rennie's Isle to Tower Place early in 2022 with notification to local residents taking place ahead of the site establishment. These works are scheduled to be complete in Autumn 2022.

Construction works will commence south of Ocean Terminal along Melrose Drive to connect the new line. Further updates will be available in the new year.

From Wednesday 5 January 2022, Links Lane will be closing temporarily to facilitate essential utility works on Constitution Street. Pedestrian access on Constitution Street will be maintained, however no access will be available from Links Lane to Constitution Street. These works are expected to take approximately one week to complete.

From week commencing 10 January 2022 parking restrictions will be in place to enable to north lane carriageway works which are expected to last 4-6 weeks.

Continuing Works

When we return in the New Year we will be continuing with our works at the following locations:

- Newhaven to Melrose Drive – Track installation continuing. Works continuing to upgrade the Cruise Terminal area.
- Ocean Terminal – Works on tram stop and east carriageway will continue which are due to be completed in early 2022.
- Ocean Terminal to Rennie's Isle – Victoria Bridge has been opened to pedestrians and section due to be complete in early 2022.
- Stevedore Place – Track installation will commence on the south side.
- Constitution Place to Baltic Street – Leith Dock pillars will be reinstated at Constitution Place in January 2022. Landscaping works on the east from Genting Casino corner to Tower Street are scheduled to be completed in early February 2022. Installation of attenuation pipes will commence on Tower Street.
- Baltic Street to Queen Charlotte Street – Attenuation pipes will continue on Bernard Street. Tram stop works will continue and are scheduled to be completed by start of February 2022.
- Queen Charlotte Street / Coatfield Lane to Foot of the Walk (FoTW) – The final sections of the South Leith Parish Church Wall will be rebuilt. Footway works from FOTW to Coatfield lane will commence and those affected will be contacted directly.
- Leith Walk - Main infrastructure works will be ongoing along Leith Walk. Works on the west side will continue in January 2022 with traffic management arrangements moving to the east side of Leith Walk for the commencements of hard landscaping and public realm works to progress.
- Elm Row - Footway improvements and landscaping will commence, as well as the reinstallation of the London Road pillar clock and the famous Elm Row pigeon sculptures.
- London Road to Picardy Place – Main infrastructure works will commence in the current established site.



CB Christmas Campaign

The Spirit of Christmas

This Christmas, and throughout the winter months, the Trams to Newhaven have been working on a number of initiatives to support those in need and the wider community.

Schools Engagements

We challenged local school children to get involved in our Christmas poster challenge, asking local kids to scribe their favourite Christmas song with a construction or health & safety spin. We had fantastic response with over 100 children taking part from Victoria Primary School, St Mary's RC, and Pilrig Park School.

We have loved reading all the amazing Christmas songs by the wonderful children, they have certainly spread lots of **#Festivecheer** on the project this past week. As a thank you to the children and teachers for taking part we visited each of the schools with some Christmas surprises.

Head Teacher, Laura Thomson, Victoria Primary School:

"We now have very happy children and staff - thank you! It is so generous of your team and has given us a wee lift. Pleasure working with you and see you in January!"

You can visit the amazing children's work on project boards at Gayfield Square & Newhaven to see some of the amazing entries.

Community Wide Engagements


Project partners, subcontractors and project supply chain have been collecting food and toy donations for local charities, in support of local organisations that support some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Final collections will be distributed to the following organisations in the coming week:

- Shore Avocado (who are collecting food-bank donations in support of the wonderful community work that Hibernian Football Club Girls Academy are doing to help Leith Food Bank)
- Edinburgh NE Foodbank
- Streetwork at Simon Communit
- Volunteer Edinburgh
- South Leith Parish Church

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